

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MICHAEL E. BLAND,)	Civil No.11cv0892 AJB (POR)
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Plaintiff,)	
v.)	ORDER DENYING IN FORMA
)	PAUPERIS STATUS
CALIFORNIA COAST CREDIT UNION;)	
formerly First Future Credit Union and all)	(Doc. No. 2)
consortium members and affiliates also)	
including Solomon, Grindle and Winetringer,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

On April 26, 2011, Michael E. Bland , a non-prisoner proceeding *pro se*, filed a Motion to Proceed *in forma pauperis* [Doc. No. 2] of case number 3:11-cv-00892-AJB-POR to this Court. Plaintiff submitted a declaration in support of a request to proceed *in forma pauperis* in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1) and Local Rule 3.2(a).

The Court finds that the Plaintiff's declaration of inability to pay costs or give security is insufficient to permit Plaintiff to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Permission to file a petition for writ of mandamus *in forma pauperis* will not be granted unless there is some merit in the petition. 28 U.S.C.A. § 1915. "To proceed *in forma pauperis* is a privilege not a right." *Smart v. Heinze*, 347 F.2d 114, 116 (9th Cir.1965). One need not be absolutely destitute to obtain benefits of statute dealing with proceedings *in forma pauperis* in federal courts. *Adkins v. E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co.*, 335 U.S. 331 (1948). The motion, however, must state facts as to affiant's poverty with some particularity, definiteness and certainty. *Jefferson v. U.S.*, 277 F. 2d 723 (9th Cir. 1960).

1 The Plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* lacks merit because:


- 2 • Plaintiff has noted receiving income from self-employment but has failed to describe the
- 3 amount received.
- 4 • Plaintiff notes supporting spouse with \$1,500 "for rent and food," but does not indicate
- 5 the source of such funding.
- 6 • Plaintiff's debts of "IRS, taxes currently being filed" lack particularity, definiteness and
- 7 certainty.
- 8 • Plaintiff has failed to note any housing, transportation, utilities, or loan payments, or other
- 9 regular monthly expenses.

10 It is under the Court's discretion to grant or deny permission to proceed *in forma pauperis* based
 11 on the Plaintiff's claim. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2). Without further evidence, the Court lacks specific facts
 12 to find that the Plaintiff is not able to pay the filing fee under 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). It is advised that the
 13 Plaintiff submit a current revision of the short form "Application To Proceed In District Court Without
 14 Prepaying Fees or Costs" available on the United States Courts website.¹

15 In light of this information, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Plaintiff's Motion to Proceed *in*
 16 *forma pauperis* is **DENIED** and the Complaint is **DISMISSED** without prejudice. Pursuant to this
 17 Order, however, Plaintiff is granted 30 days leave to pay the \$350 filing fee required to maintain this
 18 action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1914, or to submit additional documentation regarding the Plaintiff's
 19 economic status. **IF PLAINTIFF CHOOSES TO FILE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE-**
 20 **GARDING HIS POVERTY, HE MUST ATTACH A COPY OF THIS ORDER.**

21 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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 23 DATED: September 29, 2011

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 25 Hon. Anthony J. Battaglia
 26 U.S. District Judge

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¹<http://www.uscourts.gov/uscourts/FormsAndFees/Forms/AO240.pdf>